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SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES

Amendments by Czechoslovakia, Hungary, to the draft resolution contained in document TD/II/WG.III/L.5 and in Conf. Room Paper 2

Divide the text of the draft resolution (TD/II/WG.III/L.5) as reworded in Conference Room Paper 2 into two parts.

The first part of the draft resolution to read as follows:

I

"THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the Principles relating to Transit Trade of Land-locked Countries which were adopted by the first session of UNCTAD (Final Act, Annex A.I.2),

Recalling that, on the basis of these Principles, the United Nations Conference on Transit Trade of Land-locked Countries adopted on 8 July 1965 the Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States,

Noting that the Convention entered into force on 9 June 1967 but so far has been ratified or acceded to by only two transit States having a sea-coast,

Noting further that the Convention is open for ratification or accession without any time limit,

Reaffirming that, for the promotion of the trade and economic development of the land-locked States, it is essential to provide facilities to enable them to overcome the effects of their land-locked position on their trade,

Recalling the Resolution 1028(XI) of the United Nations General Assembly:

1. Urges all States invited to become parties to the 1965 Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States to investigate the possibilities to ratify it or accede to it, and to make it effective at the earliest possible date."

The second part of the draft resolution to read as follows:

II

Recognizing that:

(a) the land-locked position of many developing countries affects the expansion of trade and economic development of these countries and may hamper them in taking advantage of some of the international measures envisaged to support the trade expansion and economic development of all developing countries,

(b) the special problems involved in the promotion of the trade and economic development of the land-locked developing countries, in particular the high cost of transportation due to distance from sea, the poor state of transport and communications and other factors inhibiting the execution of their trade expansion and economic development programmes, call for special attention and require special solutions,

Convinced that the international community, when embarking upon a comprehensive policy of co-operation for development, should pay due attention to the above-mentioned special problems of the land-locked developing countries,

Noting that, within the framework of some United Nations regional economic commissions and some regional and sub-regional economic groupings of developing countries, studies of certain important aspects of the special problems of the land-locked developing countries of the regions or sub-regions concerned have been initiated with a view to contributing to their solution,

[Operative paragraphs 1 - 9 as in the Conference Room Paper 2, subject to amendments to those paragraphs on which no agreement was yet reached.]